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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Tadao ISHIBASHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2874
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Application No.: 10/574,513) Examiner: Smith, Chad
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§ 371(c) Filing Date: November 21, 2006)
) Confirmation No.: 6977
For: SEMICONDUCTOR)
OPTOELECTRONIC WAVEGUIDE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated April 29, 2008, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 15-37, which the Examiner characterized as drawn to a second semiconductor clad layer arranged on each side of one main surface and the other main surface of a semiconductor core layer.
- Group II: Claims 38-49, which the Examiner characterized as drawn to a first and second semiconductor clad layers which vertically hold the semiconductor core layer.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 15-37, which the Examiner characterized as drawn to a second semiconductor clad layer arranged on each side of one main surface and the other main surface of a semiconductor core layer.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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